After decontrol, the prices of molasses are not being monitored by the Government.

(b) to (d): In order to look into various issues arising out of decontrol of molasses and alcohol, a Working Group of State Excise Ministers on molasses and alcohol was set up in the Excise Ministers Conferencne held on 4.11.93. The main recommendation of the Working Group are for partial control on distribution of molasses and alcohol. The Report was placed before the Excise Ministers Conference held recently. The views of the State Governments on the recommendations of the Working Group are being examined alongwith their legal implications.

**Loans to Women of North Eastern States from Rashtriya Manila Kosh**

2474. SHRI NYODEK YONGGAM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have introduced provision of loan system to the women of North- Eastern States from Rashtriya Mahila Kosh during the years 1993-94 and 1994-95; and

(b) if so, the total number of women benefited so far from this kosh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMEDNT (DEPTT. OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENTXSMT. BASAVA RAJESHWARI): (a) and (b) The Rashtriya Mahila Kosh is a body with all India jurisdiction which was registered on 30.3.1993. Loans are given to individual beneficiaries through identified intermediary agencies. The first loan assistance in North-Eastern States was extended in 1994-95 to cover 2000 beneficiaries.

**Teaching of Courses in Hindi Medium in Ignou**

2475. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister for HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indira Gandhi National Open University proposes to start the teaching of all the courses in Hindi medium from the current academic session which were being taught in English medium;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) by when the courses taught in english are likely to be available in Hindi medium in the University; and

(d) the steps taken by Government in this direction?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE)): (KM. SEUA): (a) to (d) According to information furnished by the Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU), 21 programmes are offered in both Hindi and English. In seven other progrmmes, which are offered in English, the students are permitted to write the assignments and terminal examinations in Hindi medium also. 85 programmes, most of which are professional/ technical in nature are offered in English only. While it would be the endeavour of the Uiversity to progressively offer as many programmes as possible in both English and Hindi, it would take time to offer every programme in Hindi as the preparation of self-instructional material of high quality involves a number of processes such as getting material translated and identification of suitable experts in translation, vetting of translated material by other experts; etc. before getting them printed.

**The Delhi Rent Bill**

2476. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJ AN:

Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS & EMPLOYMENT be pleased to refer to. the answer to Unstarred Question 638,678 and 683 given in the Rajya Sabha on 4th August, 1995 regarding the Delhi Rent Bill and state

(a) whether Government have come to any final conclusion in respect of the representations received for and against the Delhi Rent Bill, which has been passed by both the Houses of Parliament and is awaiting the assent of the President if so, the present position in this regard;